

Dear Sirs:        Please reject the NAB petition 04-160, which seeks to limit or block satellite radio's ability to broadcast local traffic and weather. I live in the DC Metro area, which has among the worst traffic in the nation. It takes local AM newscasters almost an hours' worth of traffic updates (once every ten minutes) to cover all of the traffic incidents in the region on any given weekday morning. XM and other satellite radio providers perform an important and necessary function to their subscribers; "subscribers" being the key word. We PAY for this service; no outside organization should have the ability to censor the content of media that has been privately purchased. What's next? Will Time magazine soon be able to dictate the contents of "The Nation?"